

HOUSE BILL 741  
By Baird

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-607, relative to vacancies in the board of certain utility districts distributing and selling natural gas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-607(b), is amended by inserting the following language after the words and punctuation "appointed or elected;":

provided, however, the remaining commissioners of the board, in filling a vacancy, may elect a person to the board who has served the utility district as a manager, president, chief executive officer or comptroller for at least ten (10) years regardless of the county of residence;

SECTION 2. For the purposes of § 7-82-307(a)(4), it is the intent of the general assembly that the change to § 7-82-607(b) in accordance with Section 1 of this act, does not alter the selection method of any board of commissioner to which this act applies but instead expands the pool of knowledgeable candidates which may be appointed to the board. Therefore, if any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then, it is the intent of the general assembly that the law as it existed in § 7-82-607(b) prior to the effective date of this act shall be revived and any such action of the court shall not invalidate or alter the utility district's selection method for those purposes stated in § 7-82-307(a)(4).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

